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Violence: Genesis – 4:8, 4: 22 – 24
Cain killed his brother Abel

Non-violence was started by God when He put Mark on Cain so that if anyone found him should not avenge on him, Lk. 23:34. On the Cross Jesus uttered: Father Forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.

Non-violence: It is bringing human being back into the state of humanity of Life and Friendship with God and Neighbour. Bring human being back to Peace. Sin broke down Relationship between God side state of Life and humanity and God Reconciled Him back to Himself (2Cor 5:18).

Non-violence: When Family sit down together in a celebration, enjoy in company of each other in thanksgiving for the goodness they have received from each and what they contributed to each other. We can have true peace and true freedom only when we are Sincere to each other and admit our failures and immediate Confession restores the Friendship.

A story from a Father: Last night my little boy confessed to me some childish wrong and kneeling at my knee, he prayed with tears. Dear God make me a man like Daddy, wise and strong. I know I can. Then he slept. His Dad knelt beside his bed, confessed his sins. Oh God, make me a child like my child here, pure, eyes guiltless, trusting You with Faith sincere (Anonymous).

AFTER THIS REFLECTION I START WITH MY EXPERIENCES:-

First Experience: The History of my Life from 1940 to 1950 in Katire. I grew in a Small Saw Mill Town called Katire in Imotong Mountains, founded by The British during Colonial Time. The Sudanese Families were brought from Dongola to Nimule. My Parents were among them to start The Saw Mill. We who grew in this Town knew no Tribalism. We lived Ecumenical Life. We were brothers and sisters as one Family. That was why I baptized my Father and Mother: Abraham and Sara – they were Parents of all children who were in Katire.

Second Experience: The South Sudan faced three Decades of War. The Church Personnel remained with People like Good Shepherds. They made Peace from the Grassroots to the Citizens in Towns. Our Bishops never ran out as Refugees. They stayed together with the People who remained inside the Country.

Mediator eyes must be fixed on the Suffering People. A really Ceasefire must be made and signed before talking about Peace and Power-sharing. Be with People at the Grassroots to give them hope. Listen carefully and understand their Sufferings and Needs.

We, should make great efforts in areas which are peaceful not to allow Violence to spread. The People need Services like in Agriculture, Development, Education, Health Facilities and Good Roads. Pope Paul VI Said: Development is Peace and Peace is Development.

We need Trauma Healing – People of South Sudan suffered Violence for 61 years and all are traumatized. I was traumatized but now I am healed. I went for a Course of Trauma Healing from 1998 to 2010 and I continued with Workshops and Seminars till this day. I do my Exercises every morning. The best example I give you is, Visit Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron at www.kuronvillage.net, read about it or please Visit it. Let us provide Future for Our Youth.

FINAL FOR NON-VIOLENCE:

One should know One-self and find out whether one has true will to engage in this difficult complex work. Peace is a risk, need sacrifice. One must learn how to live in difficult time with the whole mind, body and Soul. Take care of yourself and say the 28 Words every day;

LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, COMPASSION, SYMPATHY, KINDNESS, TRUTHFULNESS,-
GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL, HUMILITY, POVERTY, FORGIVENESS, MERCY, FRIENDSHIP,
TRUST, UNITY, PURITY, FAITH, HOPE ;

I LOVE YOU, I MISS YOU, THANK YOU,

I FORGIVE, WE FORGET, TOGETHER,

I AM WRONG, I AM SORRY.

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